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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The brief does not identify the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function for every means plus function and step plus function for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately by reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters, as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v). In the instant case, the Applicant has provided reference to (e.g., page 33, lines 4-12) for claim 1 limitation "receiving, at the server, a selection, made by the user, of another one of the communication devices for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device" (Appeal Brief, page 3) and for claim 10 limitation "receive a selection, made by the user, of another one of the communication devices for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device" (Appeal Brief, page 4). The cited reference of the specification is reproduced below.

**[099] After initialing specifying a preferred device, the user may subsequently change the preferred to device to a different device by repeating the aforementioned process. Additionally, the user may specify a particular preferred device for receiving notifications based on the time of day or week. As such, the user may set in advance time periods during which different devices are specified as preferred devices to receive notifications. As is apparent to one of skill in the art, a variety of methods and systems may be implemented to facilitate the user's selection of a preferred device in keeping with the spirit and scope of the present invention.**

This cited section of the specification describes the server, receiving from the user, a selection of *another preferred device to which notifications are transmitted*, instead of another one of the *communications devices for which notifications are transmitted* to the preferred device. Thus, the Applicant has not shown support for the argued claim limitation.

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### ***Conclusion***

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